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M/s. Andhra Cement Co., Visakhapatnam . .	45	40	30	30	30	20
Sri Vishnu Cement, Nalgonda Distt. . . .	—	—	30	15	15	15
M/s. C.C.I. Ltd., Yerragun-tala Cement Factory, Distt. Guddapah, Andhra Pradesh. . . .	45	40	30	30	30	20

Committee to study problems of industries in Andhra Pradesh

3244. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to constitute a committee to study the problems being faced by the various industries in Andhra Pradesh and to find out measures for their development;

(b) if so, by when such a committee would visit Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any other alternative arrangement has been made by the Ministry to study the problems of industries; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The problems of industries are studied through the forums of advisory bodies including Development Councils for different industries.

National Research and Development Centre for tyre industry

3245. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Research and Development Centre for tyre industry;

(b) if so, what is the location of the proposed Centre; and

(c) to what extent tyre technology will be upgraded thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) have submitted a proposal to the Government for the setting up of a National Research and Development Centre for tyres. Mysore has been indicated as the proposed location for the centre. According to ATMA, while it is not possible to qualify the extent of tyre technology upgradation on account of the setting up of the Centre, this should lead to better absorption of imported tyre technology suited to Indian conditions and upgradation of existing technology through testing and evaluation facilities.

Regularisation of services of E.D. employees

3246. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government consider the ED employees as 'holders of civil posts' as per the Supreme Court judgement of April 22, 1977; and

(b) if so, whether Government would regularise their services as per another judgement of the Supreme Court delivered on 27th October, 1987 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The judgement of the Supreme Court dated 27th October, 1987 deals with regularisation of daily rated casual labour and is not applicable to ED employees.

Payment of House rent allowance to ED Post Masters

3247. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pltased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give house rent allowance to ED Branch Post Masters for providing accommodation for opening a branch Post Office in villages; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Branch Post Masters are entitled to Rs. 25/- per month as Office Maintenance Allowance. This allowance takes care of the element of rent for the Branch Post Office.

Recognition of extra-departmental employees' union

3248. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee for Extra Departmental Employees had recommended recognition of the ED Union consisting of all ED employees taken together; if so, what follow-up action has been taken in this regard;

(b) whether the ED employees are covered under the Departmental Council Scheme; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any other forum to consider the problems of about 3 lakh ED employees;

(d) whether it is a fact that the ED employees constitute about half of the total Postal employees; and

(e) whether Government propose to create a separate cell in the Postal Department for the betterment of rural postal service and also to improve the service conditions of ED employees; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The scheme of joint consultative machinery applicable to the general class of Central Govt. Employees does not cover Extra Departmental Employees of the Department of Posts. However, recognised unions representing the Extra Departmental Employees are extended the facility of monthly meetings at the Division level besides quarterly meetings at the circle level. Periodical meetings are also held at the level of the Directorate. The Committee on Extra Departmental System has recommended that the facility of special casual leave granted to office bearers of recognised union of Govt. Employees for attending meetings with the officials at different levels may also be extended to the Extra Departmental Employee subject to the condition that there is a single association for all the Extra Departmental Employees taken together as a category.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

ED Mail-men in Delhi RMS Division

3249. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is he number of ED mail-men working a New Delhi RMS Division; and

(b) what is the amount of compensation paid to the ED mail-men every month during 1987-88 and so far during the current year on their detention beyond 5 hours per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)